



**Mountain Pathways**  
A MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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## **Discipline and Appropriate Conduct Policy [Adopted 2007]**

Praise and positive reinforcement are effective methods for encouraging appropriate behavior in children. When children receive positive, non-violent, and understanding interactions from adults and others, they develop positive self-concepts, problem-solving abilities and self-discipline. Based on this belief of how children learn and develop values, this facility will practice the following policy to maintain discipline and to encourage appropriate behavior:

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| 1. DO praise and encourage children  | 1. DO NOT spank, shake, bite, pinch, push, pull, slap or otherwise physically punish the children.                               |
| 2. DO reason with and set limits for children.   | 2. DO NOT make fun of, yell at, threaten, make sarcastic remarks about, use profanity, or otherwise verbally abuse the children. |
| 3. Do model appropriate behavior for the children.                                       | 3. DO NOT shame or punish the children when bathroom accidents occur.  |
| 4. DO modify the classroom environment to attempt to prevent problems before they occur. | 4. DO NOT deny food or rest as punishment.   |
| 5. DO listen to the children.  | 5. DO NOT relate discipline to eating, resting or sleeping.  |
| 6. DO provide redirection and alternatives for inappropriate behavior.                   | 6. DO NOT leave the children alone, unattended or without supervision.   |
| 7. DO provide the children with natural and logical consequences for their behaviors.    | 7. DO NOT place the children in locked rooms, closets or boxes as punishment.  |
| 8. DO treat the children as people and respect their needs, desires and feelings.        | 8. DO NOT allow discipline of children by children.  |
| 9. DO work to understand misbehavior, and explain discipline to them on their levels.    | 9. DO NOT criticize, make fun of, or otherwise belittle children's parents, families or ethnic groups.                           |
| 10. DO stay consistent in our behavior management program.                               | <b>(For more specific policies, please consult the parent handbook)</b>  |

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I, the undersigned parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ (child), do hereby state that I have read and received a copy of the facility's Discipline and Appropriate Conduct Policy and that the facility's director (or otherwise designated staff member) has discussed the facility's Discipline and Appropriate Conduct with me.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of enrollment: \_\_\_\_\_